

REVISED: Worksheet

Next Generation of Recommended Purpose Statement

I. Recommendation related to Statutory Section 3(2)(b):

“A review of the **purpose** and **goals** of the current certificate of need program, including the relationship between the supply of health services and health care outcomes and expenditures in Washington state.”

II. Purpose (Technical Advisory Committee 12/17/05 proposal to Task Force):

Be it resolved that:

The certificate of need program shall be one element contributing to the Washington public policy goal of providing for all its citizens reasonable access to quality health care, at a reasonable cost, while contributing to the optimization of the health status of its citizenry.

III. Revision (Task Force 1/3/06 Request back to Technical Advisory Committee):

Incorporate submitted “Additional Recommendation A” (as follows) into the proposed purpose section:

A state owner of health care policy and planning needs to be identified. The plan needs to be clearly articulated, with accountability for maintaining a relevant process utilizing specific criteria for the health outcomes of its citizens with the focus on quality, access and cost containment.

IV. Discussion Tool (Staff-prepared integrated purpose statement following 2/16/06 TAC discussion):

Certificate of Need is a regulatory component of the state health planning process which:

- (a) Contributes to the articulated public policy goals that provide direction for a relevant course of action.*
- (b) Emphasizes access to quality care at a reasonable cost.*
- (c) Supports the optimal use of existing healthcare resources.*
- (d) Fosters cost containment through the use of specified health care facilities and services which represent the least costly and most appropriate levels of care.*
- (e) Minimizes the unnecessary duplication of health care facilities and services.*
- (f) Supports the achievement of improved health care outcomes.*